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Further information (1) on UA 165/95 (AMR 23/33/95, 7 July 1995) Fear for Safety

COLOMBIA Gabriel Adelfo Riaño Prieto, university student and other members of student human rights committee

Amnesty International continues to be concerned for the safety of Gabriel Riaño Prieto after receiving reports that members of his family and their neighbours have been intimidated in order to reveal Gabriel Riaño's whereabouts.

According to information received, two unidentified men who claimed to be fellow students of Gabriel Riaño at the Faculty of Law, visited the home of his relatives in Bogotá on several occasions and questioned them and their neighbours aggressively as to Gabriel Riaño's whereabouts. One family member received a series of telephone calls made by men and women who claimed that Gabriel Riaño had given them the telephone number; they asked to know where he lives and the days and times he will be there or where he can be found, the people he meets, and the places he frequents. The relative's number is that which Gabriel Riaño had given on his university enrolment forms.

The continued telephone calls and intimidation suffered by members of Gabriel Riaño's family and neighbours has heightened fears for Gabriel Riaño's safety and underlines the urgency of the authorities taking action to identify those responsible for the killing of Humberto Peña Taylor and threats against Gabriel Riaño and other students and bringing those responsible to justice.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Spanish or in your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Gabriel Adelfo Riaño Prieto and other members of the *Comité de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos*;
- urging that full and impartial investigations be undertaken into the harassment faced by Gabriel Adelfo Riaño and his family, that the results be made public and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- reiterating calls for a full and impartial investigation into the killing of Humberto Peña Taylor on 13 June 1995, asking that the results be made public and that those responsible be brought to justice;
- urging that all possible measures, deemed appropriate by Gabriel Adelfo Riaño Prieto and other members of the *Comité de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos*, be undertaken to protect their lives; point out that such measures would be in line with governmental commitments to guarantee the safety of human rights defenders.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) President of Colombia

Señor Presidente Ernesto Samper Pizano  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio de Nariño  
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**Telegrams: President Samper Pizano, Bogotá, Colombia**

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**Salutation: Excelentísimo Señor Presidente / Dear President Samper**

2) Procurator General

Dr. Orlando Vásquez Velásquez  
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**Salutation: Señor Procurador de la Nación / Dear Dr. Vásquez**

3) Minister of the Interior

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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

4) Minister of Defence

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**Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister**

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Colombia

and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International secretariat,  
or your section office if sending appeals after 5 September 1995.